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Rapid River News!

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(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Natural Resource related items)

- **Nitrate Testing in Manistee.** For the sixth year, the Natural Resources Department is participating with other area agencies in testing private wells for Nitrate contamination. This free service is provided by the tribe and county offices. Bottles for collection may be picked up at Natural Resources and must be returned by July 15th. Results will be mailed to the property owners.

(Cultural related items)

- **08 Jiingtamok.** The annual Pow Wow was held at the Gathering Ground over the weekend. The Historical Preservation Department under Jonnie "Jay" Sam headed up the group organizing the event this year. 10 drums honored the Jiingtamok with their songs this year and many, many dancers were in attendance. A full pictorial report will be in the August *Currents*.

(General area items)

- **Grants Good News!** Grants Department Director Melissa Waitner announced a number of new grant awards this week. They include:
 - From the EPA under the Tribal Response Program in the amount of \$137,223 for FY2008-2009. This money will support our Brownfield Specialist Rochelle Rollenhagen and other Brownfield related activities
 - LIHEAP - \$229 big ones...
 - BIA - \$9,052 to be shared by Natural Resources, Family Services and Education....
 - \$26,541 for Family Violence Prevention and Services. Wonderful job Family Services Departmental Staff!!!!
 - ...and the Health Department was notified that they received \$79,560 under the Special Diabetes for Indians from Indian Health Services.....this program has really taken off and making positive changes in our community!!!

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